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The official opening of the new learning environment for two-year-olds at Moorside Community Primary Academy with Martin Tomlinson (left) and Mark Saxon of Midstream.

New outdoor learning environment opened at Moorside Primary

A NEW £8,500 lottery-funded learning environment has been opened at Moorside Community Primary Academy in Skelmersdale.

The area was designed after the academy extended its age range from four to 11 to two to 11.

The space was put together by Martin Tomlinson, from Midstream, and his colleagues. The Midstream staff and students have designed and built the garden.

Midstream, based in Penrose Place, Skelmersdale, aims to provide employment opportunities for young people and adults who have special needs.

The project was awarded £8,500 from the Big Lottery Fund last August and Moorside have used the funding to create an outdoor learning space for the use of two-year-olds in the nursery wing of the school. This will enable the organisation to provide a safe and informative outdoor learning environment.

The official opening of the Outdoor Learning Environment on Friday, May 27, attended by Mark Saxon, manager of Midstream.

A spokesman at Midstream said: "This is a great opportunity for the children to take their learning outdoors."

And a spokesperson for the school added: "We want to thank the Big Lottery Fund for their contribution towards this project."

A HOME OF THEIR OWN AT LAST!

Report by **Henry James**

Football academy set sights on changing rooms and clubhouse after winning playing field lease

SKELMERSDALE United Youth Academy has been granted a 25-year lease by West Lancashire Borough Council to use Chequer Lane playing fields in Up Holland.

And under the terms of the lease the Skem Men-Aces team for adults with learning disabilities and other community groups will be able to use the ground.

The Skem United Youth Academy has been involved in negotiations with the council for some time in a bid to secure a place to call home.

A charter development club for juniors, affiliated to the Liverpool FA and Skelmersdale United, the academy currently has 22 junior teams of different ages and a membership of about 300 players. For the last 11 years they have used Tower Hill playing fields in Up Holland but have always wanted their own home where they can put changing rooms.

A spokesman for the committee at Skem United Youth Academy said: "The club has for many years been involved with the council trying to secure a place to call home. As the club has grown bigger in the past year we have outgrown our previous site and Chequer Lane was available.

"Although it has not been used for many years since the facilities were knocked down, it remains an ideal location for a large community club.

Chequer Lane playing fields in Up Holland

"The ground is there waiting and utilities are still in place for development. Once planning permission is sought and secured a clubhouse won't be far away.

"The club will hold the lease and Skem Men-Aces will be among other agreed community organisations who use the ground for football matches and training.

"This is something that will take time, but now the lease has been confirmed we can start to work towards the next development step at the club.

"We hope to be on the site very soon."

Now the academy, which has just won The Liverpool FA Chartered Standard Development Club of The Year and has been put through to the regional FA draw, are looking for business and individual

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Edge Hill in enterprise final

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can achieve and I hope the endeavour and ambition of these young entrepreneurs can provide inspiration to their peers."

Michael Mercieca, Young Enterprise chief executive, said: "These students have worked incredibly hard all year, and the Young Enterprise Start up National Finals will give them the opportunity to demonstrate the products and services that they've produced or sourced, and showcase the skills they've developed along the way.

"Setting up and running their own companies while in college or university gives young people valuable real-life experience and enables them to develop key skills that will help them in work and in life."

Armed Forces charity seeks new recruits for mentor programme

Motivated individuals needed to help former servicemen and women through transition to civilian life

ARMED Forces charity, SSAFA, is urgently looking for local recruits to become mentors for those who have recently left military service.

The charity is calling upon motivated individuals to join its ranks and be paired up with an Armed Forces leaver.

The role of a SSAFA mentor is to listen, support, motivate and inspire those who have served their country as they make the transition back into civilian life.

The return to 'Civvy Street' can be a difficult time for some for servicemen and women as their employment, living arrangements, financial stability, support networks and personal lifestyles all change rapidly and at the same time.

SAFA's mentoring service aims to step in and offer support at this critical time to service leavers, veterans and their families by assigning them a SSAFA volunteer mentor.

Karen Oldfield, head of specialist services at SSAFA, said: "As the only national military charity that has witnessed both world wars and every conflict since, experience tells us that leaving the Forces can be extremely challenging for some ex-servicemen and women and their families.

"The transition period is the point where many welfare issues seem to really start to impact on lives.

"Our servicemen and women are trained to be the fittest and toughest versions of themselves, taught to cope under immense pressure and rightly revered by their families and friends; so, having to ask for help at any point often proves a real challenge, one which SSAFA sees them grapple with time and time again.

"At a time when so many aspects of their lives are changing, SSAFA's mentoring programme aims to motivate, support and empower those who are leaving the Forces to achieve their true potential outside the military.

"Our Forces have been there for us, doing their duty on our behalf to keep us safe, it is now our time to give something back and help them come home."

The SSAFA mentor will work with former service personnel for an hour each week for 12 months with the aim of supporting them through their transition via practical guidance and an empathetic shoulder to lean on.

Karen Oldfield, head of specialist services for SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity

The mentor will offer unconditional and consistent collaboration to help draw on the service leaver's own strengths and develop their own strategies, supporting them to achieve their personal goals.

SSAFA is looking for mentors of all ages and all backgrounds. Training will be provided and each mentor will be carefully paired with a mentee and continually supported by a team of SSAFA mentoring co-ordinators.

The SSAFA mentoring service works alongside the Army, RAF, Royal Navy and other key partners to help individuals transition out of the Armed Forces, no matter the circumstances of their discharge – whether leaving on a medical discharge, being an early service leaver or if they have come to the end of their career.

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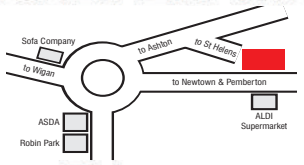

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Man who kicked partner on floor escapes jail sentence

By our **Court Reporter**

A SKELMERSDALE man who kicked his partner while she was on the floor and then banged her head on it saying: "Why are you making me do this? I am going to kill you", has avoided jail after a judge said he had had a poor role model and showed considerable remorse.

Liverpool Crown Court heard how Darren Harrison, 21, of Falkland, Birch Green and his partner, had been out to a party when they argued, following which Harrison went off to a pub on his own while she went home.

They later made contact, however, and after persuading his partner that he was okay to visit he turned up at her address.

Henry Riding, prosecuting, said that as soon as she opened the door he grabbed her and she fell to the floor and he began kicking her.

"He was kicking her all over the body," he said. Then, after banging her head on the floor, he shouted: "Why are you making me do this? I am going to kill you."

"She does not relate the number of kicks," Mr Riding said. "She says that the defendant then just stopped. He took up a blue-handled kitchen knife and turned to face her. She describes him as crazed and had not seen him like that ever before.

"The defendant then asked who was upstairs and as he ran upstairs she took the opportunity to run out of the front door."

Mr Riding emphasised that Harrison did not threaten his partner with the knife, nor was he charged with an offence with regard to the knife. The woman was left with a swollen face, lumps to the head and body, a cut to the left eye and an abrasion to the lip, he said.

Reading from the woman's victim impact statement, however, he told of how she was not affected in the long term. "She described her injuries as minor," he said.

"The swelling lasted a couple of days, the bruising and cuts all healed within a week. The only impact is that the relationship is over."

Immature

Harrison told police during a subsequent interview that he should "man up" and admit what he did, the prosecutor said, adding: "He said he simply lost it and flipped."

Solicitor Michael Hagerty told the judge that Harrison had sought counselling. "This is an immature young man who will benefit from a period of rehabilitation," he said.

Referring to a probation report which suggested that he'd had a "poor role model", the judge noted that Harrison had shown "considerable regrettable remorse" and that he was upset when interviewed by police.

Sentencing him to 200 hours of unpaid work and ordering that he co-operate with 25 days of a rehabilitative activity, she said: "Your personal history shows that you perhaps had a role model who failed to show you what a man in relationships should be like and how they behave.

"But you have also had other problems in relation to your health and these may have played a part together with your relative immaturity.

"Because of the consistent contrition that you have shown it is not unavoidable that a custodial sentence be imposed."

The judge also issued a 12-month restraining order forbidding him from contacting or approaching his ex-partner.

Bank staff's boost for boxing club

Report by **Henry James**

BIRCH Green Amateur Boxing Club have taken a big step towards hitting their target to raise £10,000 for essential repairs to their clubhouse - thanks to staff from the Co-Op Bank in Skelmersdale.

Members of the Co-Op One Skem Team, who regularly help local community groups, raised a bumper £1,495 for the boxing club by holding a series of events including cake sales, a dress down day, bank bingo, and Wii boxing.

And Nic Ward and Gill Smith from the bank went along to the club's Heversham headquarters on Friday (May 27) to hand over the cheque.

Bobby Givnan, secretary at Birch Green ABC, said: "We really appreciate what they have done for us."

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Nic Ward (left) and Gill Smith representing their Co-operative Bank colleagues who have raised money for Birch Green ABC, hand over the cheque.

Amazing

The club, which has been established for more than 20 years, launched a fundraising drive in the Champion earlier this year to raise £10,000 for essential work to their base, including repairs to a leaking roof.

It is also in need of redecorating, while much of the equipment needs updating.

In February, the boxing squad of the Second Battalion of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment (2 Lancs Boxing Team) visited Birch Green Amateur Boxing Club to help raise awareness of their fundraising efforts.

The club also had a fundraiser at the Hare and Hounds pub in Skelmersdale, which was well attended. The weather was good and there were outdoor activities for the kids and local singers on stage.

Bobby added: "It was a great day and we would also like to thank everyone who came and to everyone from the Hare and Hounds.

"The community spirit in Skelmersdale is amazing and we are now well on our way to having the required funds to have the roof renewed on our gym."

Some of the Scouts with Christopher.

Scouts step to it to raise funds for little Christopher

MEMBERS of a Skelmersdale Scout group have been putting their best feet forward in aid of a youngster with a life-limiting illness.

The 42nd Ormskirk (St Paul's) Scouts held a sponsored walk to raise money for the family of Christopher Hewitt who has Leigh Syndrome, a rare inherited disorder which affects the central nervous system.

They walked from Trinity Primary School in Kiln Lane, Skelmersdale - where Christopher attends the nursery - to Coronation Park in Ormskirk.

And although the wet weather didn't dampen the Scouts' spirits for the walk, it did put paid to their plans to enjoy a picnic on arrival!

Susan Searson, a parent helper at the 42nd Ormskirk Scouts (St Paul's), said: "I learned about Christopher Hewitt and his condition at my son's nursery and wanted to do something to help his family to create happy memories in the time that they have with him.

"As well as the walk, we held a collection in the foyer of the local supermarket, where the shoppers were very generous.

"A lot of time and effort was put in by the Scouts from the 42nd Ormskirk (St Paul's) and they were thrilled for some of them to go and meet Christopher when they handed over the cheque."

Football academy granted lease for playing fields after decade-long struggle

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parties who may be interested in working with them.

A statement from the committee added: "This is a massive project and something that is not only great for our club, but is massive for the community and the area.

"Football involves keeping healthy, it involves discipline, structure and the right facilities and environments for this to happen.

"We are not Barcelona, Real Madrid, Chelsea or Liverpool, a giant club with lots of money, but we, our community and our players, deserve the best we can offer and this is so big for everyone.

"We go to towns throughout the county and they have home grounds and facilities for sports and we in our town should be the same.

"We would like to thank Rosie Cooper MP for her help and Collin Wrightman and Steven Kent from the borough council who have been helping and supporting us with this giving up lots of time to the project."

Council reports last year estimated that the site, which is about 5.41 hectares, could accommodate three full-size pitches, four junior pitches, an area for parking and changing facilities.

A borough council spokesman commented: "The council is pleased to confirm it has approved the arrangements to enter into a lease partnership with Skelmersdale Youth Academy and is in the process of drafting the lease with the club before it can be signed."

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County's 'specials' answer the call on national volunteer day

MORE than 50 police special constables gave up their time as part of a national day of volunteering.

The Lancashire Constabulary staff took part in Give and Gain Day, the UK's only national day of employee volunteering.

For one day every year thousands of people give up their day jobs and volunteer to support a local community organisation during working hours. The force say that it gave them the opportunity for special constables in Lancashire to showcase their abilities as a police officer.

Special constables have the same powers as the regulars and perform the same role. On Give and Gain day and throughout the evening they supported regular policing, carrying out local traffic enforcement, vehicle checks and addressing on-going anti-social behaviour issues.

Special constabulary chief officer Paul Airlie said: "Specials are a valuable resource to Lancashire Constabulary. Our specials are integrated into everyday policing and are essential in keeping Lancashire safe. The day was also a great opportunity for employers to see first-hand what the specials do."

Borough to host business potential showcase event

Report by **Henry James**

LOCAL businesses are being urged to attend an event aimed at showcasing 'the opportunities in the borough for investment, ambition, collaboration and increasing skills'.

The Lancashire Hotspots event will take place on Thursday, June 9 from 8am to 10am at the Lancashire Manor Hotel in Skelmersdale.

Sponsored by West Lancashire Borough Council, this is the third of a series of such events taking place around the county during 2016.

And it will link directly to a Lancashire Hotspots feature in the July-August edition of Lancashire Business View magazine where the focus will be on West Lancashire.

The morning will take the form of a Question Time-style panel event featuring leading business and public sector guests. There will also be plenty of opportunities to network with the movers and shakers of the area over breakfast plus interaction with the panel.

Councillor Frank McKenna, West Lancs Council's Economic Development Champion.

PERSPECTIVES

Kim Webber, chief executive of West Lancs Council will take part in a short queston and answer session before a debate with panel members including Maria Gilling, principal of West Lancashire College; Andy Wood, human resources director of Trelleborg Offshore UK; Steve Jones, managing director of Fairbanks; and Councillor Frank McKenna, the borough council's economic development champion.

Richard Slater, publisher of Lancashire Business View magazine, said: "Lancashire Hotspots will take a closer look at the county's hottest spots for commerce, industry and regeneration.

"It offers perspectives from across the landscape of the private and public sectors and delves into the business fabric of the county's districts.

"This is the third event of the series and we look forward to giving attendees an overview of what's happening in the West Lancashire area and promoting everything that the region has to offer."

And Cllr. McKenna added: "West Lancashire is a great place to do business and this event will provide an excellent showcase of what is available for businesses in the borough.

"West Lancs Council is happy to sponsor this occasion. The Council Plan shows we are ambitious for the local economy and we are committed to retaining and growing jobs, increasing skills levels and encouraging business and wealth creation."

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Members of local band Table 51, Danny Austin, Amy Nancy-Welsh and Aidan Maher, pictured at Sunday's Skem Fest event with organisers Danny Fury, Aaron Martin and Allan Brophy.

Organisers hail Skem Fest success

ORGANISERS of the Skem Fest music event, which returned to the town at the weekend after a break of almost a decade, have thanked all those who went along to support the day.

The free event, staged at The Buffs Community Club in Ormskirk Road, on Sunday, May 29, raised funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust and was aimed to appeal to music lovers of all ages.

It featured 23 live performances on three stages with all performers playing free of charge.

The programme was put together by the proprietors of The Buffs Community Club, Danny Fury and Aaron Martin, along with Allan Brophy, who was involved with artists recruitment, and singer/songwriter Chris Pate formerly of the Arkanes.

Allan Brophy said: "On behalf of Danny, Aaron, Chris and myself, I would like to thank everybody who embraced and supported the event. The community spirit of Skelmersdale was shining bright in the faces of everybody in attendance, from the youngest babies in their push-chairs, to the grandmothers proudly watching their family having fun in the sun. This has been a very special day.

"I don't want to single out a specific performance but I would like to thank and praise our Californian visitors, The Vim Dicta. Having a Los Angeles rock band agree to perform at our town festival can only help raise the positive profile of the event and the town in general."

Now the organisers are hoping to make the Skem Fest an annual event in the future.

Public urged to be vigilant to aid police crackdown on motorbike nuisance

POLICE have been tackling motorcycle nuisance in and around Skelmersdale through an initiative called Operation Strike.

Officers are pictured with one of the Section 59 warnings which are in place around the town, telling the public that the misuse of off-road bikes or quads on specified public areas will not be tolerated and that the bike will be seized.

A mixture of plain clothes and high visibility police patrols have been run with the primary focus to detect any crimes associated with motorcycle nuisance.

At the end of March, police issued an appeal to the Skelmersdale community to help find the yobs who are using off-road bikes in an anti-social way and causing a noise nuisance.

They reported an increase in complaints of off-road bikes being ridden in an anti-social way and there were also reports of bikes being stolen.

And they have urged residents to be vigilant and asked anyone with any information to call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, or ring 101.

Officers pictured at the site of one of the Section 59 warnings

Town to host conference on mental health issues affecting young people

Places limited for free event

Report by **Henry James**

SKELMERSDALE is to host a unique event aimed at outlining the support available for young people experiencing mental health issues.

The Mental Health Young People Conference, entitled Hidden Voices, will be held at the Evermoor Hub, Birleywood, Digmoor on Tuesday, June 28.

The event, the first event of its kind, is being run by the Skelmersdale Action For Youth group (SAY) in partnership with the South West Lancashire Independent Advice Network (ICAN).

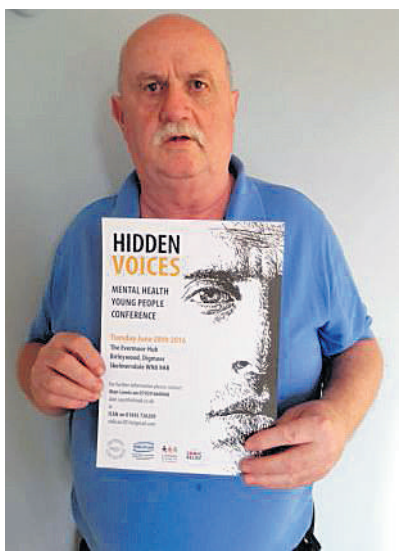
Funding for the day has been provided by Comic Relief, The Community Foundation for Lancashire, and South West Lancashire TUC.

Working

During the day there will be guest speakers from the child and adolescent mental health service.

Alan Lewis from SAY said: "This conference will be the first of its kind in Skelmersdale for young people. There are so many issues around mental health faced by young people today, including self-harm, substance abuse, child sexual exploitation, bullying, depression and anxiety among other things.

"At SAY we are working in close partnership with South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network (ICAN), the Lancashire Police Early Action Team, the NHS Mental Health Team and Evermoor Hub to engage with youths in Year 10 at high schools across the town and the borough"



Alan Lewis from Skelmersdale Action for Youth with a poster for the Hidden Voices conference

The event is free to attend and lunch and refreshments will be provided, but places will be limited.

Both SAY and ICAN are run by volunteers and work face-to-face with young people, high schools and colleges to give support to vulnerable young people across the town.

Committed

Their volunteers are committed to supporting youths and young adults in the community of West Lancashire.

Due to the expected high demand for places at the conference, organisers can only offer five places for each school or college.

If you are interested and would like to reserve spaces, or would like more information contact Alan Lewis by email on alan.say@hotmail.co.uk

Alan added: "SAY and ICAN would like to thank Comic Relief, and the Community Foundation For Lancashire for funding the event. We would also like to thank South West Lancashire TUC, Lancashire Police Early Action Team and the NHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS) team for their support."

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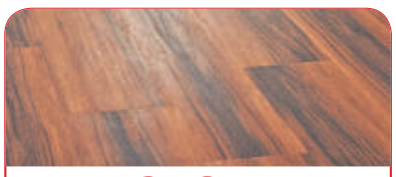

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Couple's campaign to raise awareness of epilepsy charity in memory of son

Joe and Ann Aindow at their SUDEP Action event in the Concourse shopping centre

A SKELMERSDALE couple who lost their son to epilepsy at the age of 30 held a fundraising collection in the town on behalf of a charity which aims to raise awareness of and support research into the condition.

Report by **Henry James**

Joe and Ann Aindow were inspired to campaign for SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy) Action after their son Damian passed away in 1999.

Their latest fundraising effort - held to coincide with National Epilepsy Week - was staged at the Concourse shopping centre where they set up a stall with a collecting bucket for donations, as well as handing out leaflets and information about the charity.

Joe said: "I want to thank the management of the Concourse for allowing us to collect at the shopping centre.

"It was the first time we had collected there. We started at 9.15am and finished at 3.30pm and we had quite a few people coming up to us to speak about their condition."

Earlier this year, Joe and Ann held a collection at Skelmersdale United's Stormy Corner ground before and after the club's local derby game against Marine which raised £240.

The couple also attended a Downing Street reception in 2014, hosted by the Prime Minister's wife, Samantha Cameron for SUDEP Action.

The event brought together more than 100 people including professionals, and people who had lost family members to epilepsy.

Joe has also helped to produce an A4 leaflet explaining what to do in the event of epileptic seizures for use in schools in West Lancashire and Edge Hill University.

Although not generally thought of as a 'killer', such as cancer or heart disease, nevertheless about 1,100 lives are lost every year to epilepsy in the UK.

About half of these are down to Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy which the Epilepsy Society describes as occurring when someone is believed to have died during or after a seizure where no other cause of death can be found.

Meanwhile research has shown a link between epilepsy and sleep apnoea, where people experience breathing problems while asleep, and SUDEP is collecting funds to help research into the creation of a miniature Wireless Apnoea Detection Device (WADD).

Former Verve vocalist releases fourth solo album

FORMER Up Holland High School pupil Richard Ashcroft (right) has released a new album called These People and is set to go on tour.

The 44-year-old's recent shows at London's Roundhouse and Manchester's Albert Hall, sold out in just 25 minutes, and were well-received by critics.

And as part of his tour, the former singer with The Verve will be performing at the Liverpool Echo Arena on Wednesday, December 7.

These People is his fourth solo album and was released on his new Righteous Phonographic Association label via Cooking Vinyl Records. This Is How It Feels was the first single from the album.

This is the first album release in six years for Richard, who has won Brit and Ivor Novello awards, as well as being nominated for a Grammy.

It sees the singer working again with Will Malone who worked on The Verve albums Northern Soul (1995) and Urban Hymns (1997), as well as Richard's first solo album Alone with Everybody (2000).

Richard formed the band, initially called simply Verve (adding the definitive article prefix later) while at Up Holland High School in 1989 with classmates Simon Jones, Simon Tong and Peter Salisbury. Nick McCabe joined later.

Staff at Birch Green care home with their Dementia Friends certificates

Care home staff become Dementia Friends

STAFF at the Aaron Crest and Birch Green care homes in Skelmersdale have signed up to the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friends initiative which aims to change people's perceptions of the condition.

After attending sessions outlining the scheme the care workers were awarded certificates and will now help towards supporting the local community in becoming more dementia friendly.

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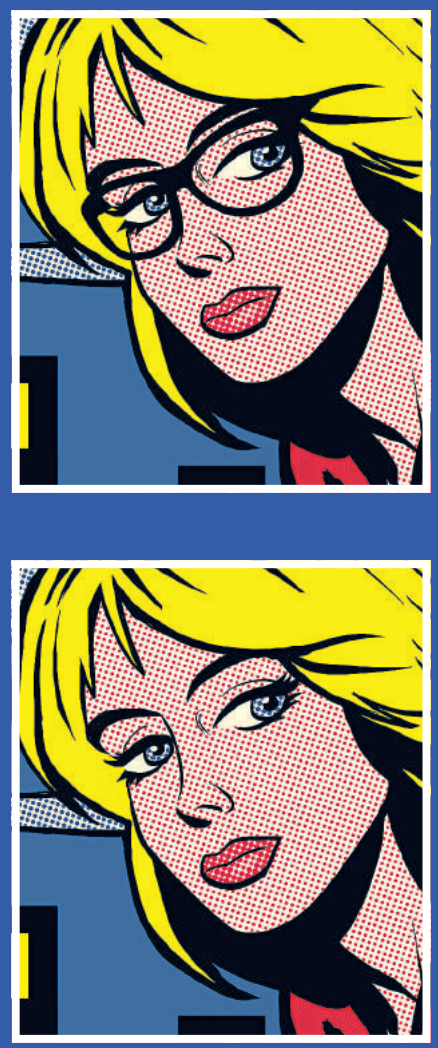

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County accused of failing to enforce parking restrictions

Report by **Henry James**

BOROUGH councillor Adrian Owens has written to Lancashire County Council's head of parking services demanding an explanation after figures in their annual report showed parking enforcement in West Lancs had dropped by 39%.

Councillor Owens, who represents Derby ward as an independent for the Our West Lancashire group, said: "No one wants to see over-zealous traffic wardens waiting to catch unsuspecting motorists but we have the opposite problem locally.

"I get many complaints from residents about vehicles regularly flouting yellow line restrictions on roads around the borough. The problem has been getting worse and these figures in the parking service annual report seem to show why.

However county highways chiefs said that they had to prioritise parking enforcement where it is most needed to manage its budget "within much-needed resources."

Cllr Owens though believes the borough is getting a "raw deal."

Councillor Owens

He said; "Some Lancashire boroughs have seen increased enforcement but West Lancashire is one of the areas where enforcement has dropped dramatically. Perhaps it's because we are on the edge of the county but whatever the reason, we appear to be getting a raw deal and it's not good enough.

"If our parking habits had markedly improved then that might be an explanation for the reduction in tickets issued. But the complaints I regularly receive from residents and the evidence of my own eyes says this is not the case, even with the savings in the parking service that the county council have enacted."

However, the county council's cabinet member for highways and transport, County Councillor John Fillis, said a number of factors had impacted on the figures.

He said: "In order to manage its budget within much-reduced resources the county council resolved to prioritise parking enforcement where it is most needed to ensure safety and reduce disruption, with a focus on busier city and town-centre areas where there is more traffic. Enforcement continues to be carried out in other areas based on need, and often directed locally by councillors' requests.

"This style of operation has been shown to clearly work, when you consider the dramatic reduction in vehicles parked and movements in Ormskirk town centre between 10am and 4pm, which has benefited pedestrians, shops and the environment.

"The figures also reflect the temporary reduction in enforcement in one of West Lancashire's busiest areas in 2014/15 due to major improvement works carried out by the county council in Ormskirk town centre."

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Former Drifters star to perform at Skem charity fundraiser

Organisers aim to raise £2,000-plus with Burscough concert date

by **Danielle Thompson**

A FORMER singer with American pop legends, The Drifters will be performing at a special fundraiser for a West Lancashire-based charity for young people.

Staff at Burscough call handling company Face For Business set themselves the target of raising £5,000 this year for Twinkle House.

The charity, which is based at Gorsey Place, East Gillibrands in Skelmersdale, provides a free support service for children and young people who have disabilities and additional needs and their families in West Lancashire.

And it's hoped that a concert featuring former Drifters member, Maurice Cannon will boost their coffers to the tune of between £2,000 and £3,000.

The event is being staged at the Blue Mallard on Burscough Wharf on Thursday, June 16 and will also include a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses.

Maurice Cannon (2nd left) when he was performing with The Drifters

Award

Maurice Cannon's sister-in-law, Sue Smith, who works at Face For Business, came up with the idea for the concert.

She said: "Maurice sang with The Drifters for nine years and he was presented with a Special Gold Award of Recognition last year for 100,000 UK sales for The Drifters' album Up on the Roof.

"Having seen Maurice sing at many top events and private shows, I know that we are in for a fabulous night.

"He is doing this one-off especially for us. Maurice is not just a great singer, he is a great guy who happily shares his many stories about his days with The Drifters."

The event will start at 7pm and tickets are priced at £25 and include a three-course meal. To book, call 01704 637037 or email hello@ffb.co.uk.

Magnetic North in the Dome with students from the Maharishi Free School

Band take time out from promoting album to inspire students with music workshop

SIMON Tong and his new band, Magnetic North, took time out during their visit to the town to promote their new album Prospect of Skelmersdale to visit the Maharishi Free School in Ashurst.

43-year-old Simon, formerly guitarist and keyboard player with The Verve, moved to Skelmersdale in 1984 and the album - described as "a collection of snapshots of a uniquely British town" - includes tracks entitled Pennylands, Sandy Lane and Northway/Southway.

While at the school composer and singer Hannah Peel and guitarist Gawain Erland Cooper inspired students with a lunchtime music workshop.

Lisa Walters, deputy head of the school's Secondary Phase, commented: "It was an absolutely brilliant experience for the pupils to get involved with the workshop where they had the opportunity to use the music box and turn their words into music."

Afterwards all the students and staff were treated to an impromptu concert by the band which featured several of their new songs performed against a backdrop projection of archive film of Skelmersdale.

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School celebrates the Queen's birthday with Red, White and Blue Day

PUPILS and staff at St James' Catholic Primary School were joined by family and friends for a special Red, White and Blue Day. to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

The event, at the school in Ashurst Road, was opened and closed with renditions of the national anthem and featured each class performing in the infant playground before tucking into afternoon tea.

The classes performed a variety of songs and nursery rhymes and demonstrated traditional playground games from 90 years ago, as well as acting out the legend of St George and the Dragon.

Head teacher, Dave Iliff commented: "Having so many of our families come together to celebrate something as special as the Queen's 90th birthday will live long in the memory.

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Don't miss out on chance to vote in EU referendum

Less than a week left to register for historic poll

Report by **Henry James**

Kim Webber, electoral registration officer for West Lancs Council

WITH less than a week to go to register to vote in the EU referendum, West Lancs Council is urging residents to look out for the Electoral Commission information booklet and ensure they can take part.

The referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union will take place on Thursday, June 23.

However, if you want to take part you only have until next Tuesday, June 7 to register.

And the booklet, which is being delivered to every household across the UK, contains important information for voters on the referendum, how to register to vote and how to cast your vote.

Alongside delivery of the information guide, the Electoral Commission has launched its national voter registration campaign to remind people to register by the deadline of Tuesday, June 7.

Advertising will appear across TV, radio and online on demand video services encouraging viewers to make sure they don't miss the information booklet.

Kim Webber, electoral registration officer for West Lancs Council, said: "There is still time to make sure you can take part in the EU referendum, so I'd encourage everyone in West Lancashire to act now if they're not already registered to vote.

"Our message is simple: you can't vote if you're not registered by Tuesday, June 7. It's easy to register and only takes a few minutes online – just head to www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

"People who received a poll card for the 2016 borough council and police and crime commissioner elections don't need to re-register to vote in the referendum unless their circumstances have changed, e.g. if they have moved house. Anyone who wants to check they are registered can call the elections office on 01695 585014."

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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We need library more than ever to provide key services for our growing population

I WAS saddened to learn of Lancashire County Council's plans to close a number of our libraries and community centres.

I totally agree with the views expressed by Sylvia Lambert in her letter (May 25). Libraries are not just about books, they have always provided educational resources and support to our local schools and children, the unemployed and the elderly and more recently offered Internet access to those who cannot afford to have it installed at home.

They can provide a quiet space for children from disadvantaged or overcrowded homes to do their homework.

Burscough library is on the closure list, at a time when there is a rapidly-growing population with many new houses planned. We will need the library more than ever to provide key social and educational services to that community.

There is also an environmental cost to closure, as people will need to travel further to access services. I hope that the county council will look at the possibility of relocating Burscough library to make better use of building space as an alternative to closure.

West Lancashire Borough Council will receive a lot of money from the Community Infrastructure Levy(CIL)/106 levy on the Yew Tree Farm and other building developments. I understand that CIL is intended to be spent on projects which will benefit the area and can be passed on by the borough council to the county council. I think it is wholly fitting that some of this money should be spent on saving our library.

Lancashire County Council are undertaking a public consultation on the proposed closures which can be accessed via their website. Members of the public are invited to give their views by August 14.

Angela Felton, Burscough resident

Traffic system works so well - apart from the dreaded Fiveways junction

I LIVE in Skelmersdale and every day as I drive to and from my various workplaces I am eternally grateful that the traffic system works so well.

I also have the pleasure of driving to Ormskirk on a regular basis. However, there is one junction that fills me with dread - The Fiveways junction.

When the lights change to green I have to think carefully what I am going to do.

If I want to turn right across the oncoming traffic I have no idea where to position my car. There are no clear white lines or arrows on the road surface to indicate where I should wait.

There are often accidents and near misses, I have been told. I have seen the bent railings and sometimes car debris littered on the pavement.

I wonder if others feel that the Fiveways junction would benefit from clear road markings, or maybe it's just because I'm a 60-something looking for a moan.

Skelmersdale resident, details supplied

Pothole priorities don't make sense

THERE are many potholes around West Lancs but the ones around Ruff Woods and Vicarage Lane in Ormskirk have been re-surfaced first, yet they have not done any others around this area.

Other roads around the area are used much more. Would it be a fair assumption that the council are doing the really posh areas of Ormskirk first as a priority, rather than the most-used?

There are much worse condition areas, it just doesn't make sense to me.

Mr Atherton, Skelmersdale

PICTURE of the week

The Vintage Tea Dance in full swing at Ormskirk's Civic Hall recently, one of the events organised by West Lancashire Alzheimer's Society to mark Dementia Awareness Week. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Pavement parking fines would help towards cost of repairing footpaths

NOW that the local councils are scraping the barrel for funds why not fine car owners £30 each for parking on the footpath outside their homes?

In my road one Saturday morning 20 cars were parked on the footpath and 20 drives were completely empty.

It would only take a council official a couple of hours to issue the fines and would bring in £600 towards the cost of repairing the footpaths.

Pedestrians' feet, after all, never cracked paving flags to my knowledge!

A. E. Millington, Ormskirk

Good walks spoiled by uncaring dog owners

WITH the weather hopefully improving many of us will be wanting to take advantage of the variety of public open spaces that we have available to us in this area.

Why not take a pleasant walk along the canal?

Why not? Because this, like most of our walks and amenities, is being spoiled by the amount of dog mess left by irresponsible owners.

It would appear that from the amount of dog mess, it is not just the minority of dog owners that are spoiling it for the rest of us.

Surely if more people complain it will make the guilty owners start clearing up after their dogs, although sadly, it appears that they just don't care.

D. Griffiths, by email

Town's support needed to save the Civic

IT's good to see Ormskirk's Civic Hall up and running and all thanks go to the new lease holders and a group of volunteers.

However, it is disgraceful that West Lancashire Borough Council has not made a contribution towards repairs of the building even though the state of it is down to their lack of money put into it.

Charity events are being held to help towards the repair of the roof. I hope all the residents of Ormskirk will support the efforts to save the Civic.

B Anderson, Ormskirk

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Estates' male gang culture a result of toxic mix

I HAVE lived in Skelmersdale for the past 47 years and I watched with interest the Channel 4 documentary 'All Man' where Grayson Perry examines modern masculinity in society and talks to some youths on Digmoor and Tanhouse estates.

Firstly, I agree that this image of Skelmersdale would not sit well with some readers, especially those who live in the town. But I feel the focus of the programme was to highlight the violent nature of male gang culture and not the town as a whole.

These young men who roam the estates protecting their turf have no real direction or purpose and as Grayson Perry quite rightly says they are 'kings of nowhere'.

It's sad but these youths will ultimately pay the price for their misguided sense of loyalty to gang culture.

Digmoor and Tanhouse are two of the most deprived wards in West Lancashire and the violent culture of masculinity identified in this programme coupled with the culture of poverty can be a toxic mix.

P.W., by email

Here's an 'accolade' that Edge Hill should definitely go for!

EDGE Hill University has now accumulated so many awards that it will soon become known as Academia's answer to Adele.

But there is one accolade well within its grasp, but which it has so far shunned. I'm referring of course to the prize for the university that has caused more alienation amongst local residents than any other in the country. The statuette is cast in bronze and depicts a mortarboard lodged up the nostril of a taxpaying Ormskirk resident.

Come on, vice-chancellor, go for it. You know it makes sense. No matter how congested the trophy cabinet, there's always room for one more - just like the students' cars parked in our narrow, semi-rural residential street.

Gerard Latham, Vicarage Close, Ormskirk

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New contest offers village green-fingers chance to blossom

by Danielle Thompson

The judges will be looking for outstanding hanging baskets and planters in the first Bloomin' Burscough contest

A VILLAGE'S green-fingered residents are being invited to put their talents to the test with the chance to win cash prizes and a trophy.

Burscough Parish Council's first Bloomin' Burscough contest will have two categories - best single or group of hanging baskets or planters and best front garden.

Winners in each category will receive £100, plus an engraved shield to keep for a year, and there will be prizes of £50 for the two respective runners-up.

All entries must be visible from the roadside without visitors needing to enter the garden to view.

The judges will be local people, nominated for their love and knowledge of plants, who will visit each garden taking part. Scoring will be based on a set of criteria including colour, interest and quality of planting.

The new Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage will present the prizes.

She said: "I'm delighted to have been asked to present the first awards for this competition. These events are always fantastic for villages as they engage village pride.

"Burscough is already a beautiful village and I'm sure this competition will add to its attractiveness. I hope many people will take part and make this a success."

Applications for the competition can be found at www.burscoughpc.co.uk or collected from Burscough Parish Council office at Martland Mill.

Completed entry forms can be returned by email, post or hand. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, July 13.

Applications should be returned to Burscough Parish Council, Martland Mill, Mart Lane, Burscough, L40 0SD or emailed to admin@burscoughpc.org.uk.

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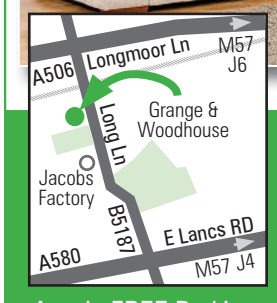

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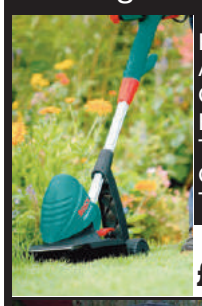

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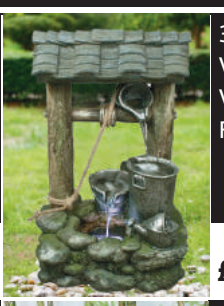

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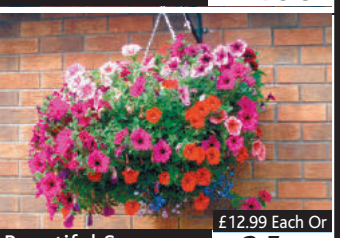

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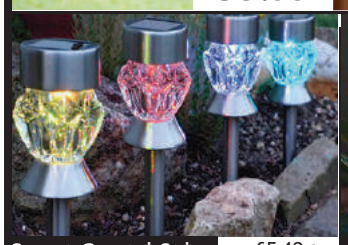

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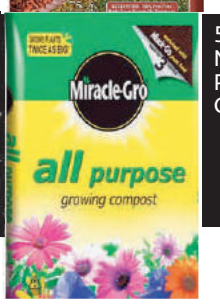

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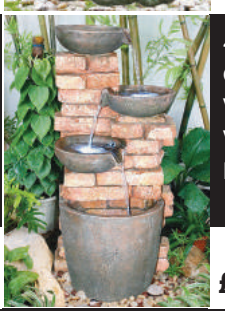

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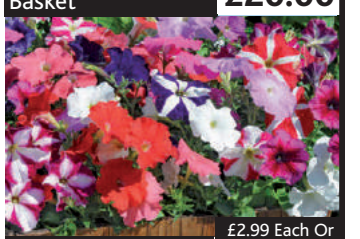

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County's social care recruitment drive

LANCASHIRE County Council has launched a £4.6m drive to recruit social workers and social care staff.

The authority is looking to recruit specialist staff across its social care, safeguarding, inspection, audit and adoption services to allow caseloads to be reduced and increase support for front-line staff. It will also create additional professional development and training opportunities, improving the quality of practice and recording of case work.

The new investment is part of the council's response to a recent Ofsted inspection of children's services.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "We believe that putting more staff in place will ultimately help us to improve these vital services for children and their families. We have already filled all of the vacant posts we had prior to the Ofsted inspection and this recruitment drive will expand our team further.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children and young people

"The difficulty of recruiting experienced front-line staff is recognised across the country which is why we are looking at new ways of recruiting.

"We passionately believe that this is a great place to live and work and we are really keen to talk to people who want to commit to providing high-quality services for children and their families in Lancashire."

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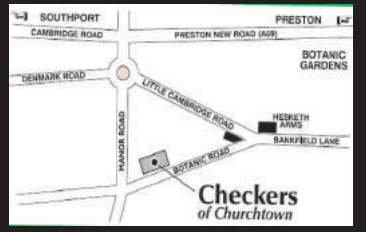

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Parish church to host week of events to mark Queen's birthday

WORSHIPPERS at Ormskirk Parish Church are set to mark the Queen's 90th birthday with a series of celebratory events.

The celebrations start this **Saturday, June 4** with a Summer Fayre being staged in and around the church.

This will be officially opened at 1pm by the new Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Liz Savage.

It will feature a range of activities and stalls and there will also be a specially-designed Flower Festival in the church building.

The church will be open for visitors from 9.30am and there will be organ recitals at 10.30am, 11.30am, 2.15pm and 3.15pm.

On Sunday, June 5, the Bishop of Warrington, the Right Reverend Richard Blackburn will be leading and preaching the communion service at the church at 10:30am.

And on Tuesday (June 7) from noon till 2pm there will be a themed soup lunch at Soup Stop in New Church House next to the church.

On Wednesday ,June 8, also at New Church House, there will be a sale of homemade, regal-themed cakes from 1 to 3pm.

And rounding off the week The Occasional Singers will present a concert in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday starting at 7.30pm on Friday, June 10 at the parish church.

Tickets for this cost £5 and can be bought on the door or ordered by calling Mary on 01695 575432.

Church Warden and organiser, Mary Jones said: "The Queen offers a great example of Christian service and we at Ormskirk Parish Church wanted to mark this with a week of celebrations. We have loads of fun in store and hope that lots of people will come and celebrate with us."

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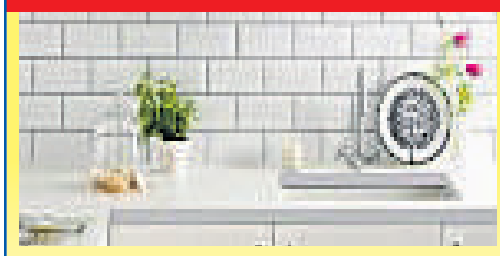

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‘Jaw dropping’ stunt riders head for country fair

A THRILLING motorcycle stunt show will have spectators on the edge of their seats when the daredevil riders show off their skills at Tarleton Leisure Lakes during Southport Country Fair.

Topping the bill and giving four performances on both the Saturday and Sunday, ‘On The Edge’ are the only stunt team in the country to perform an amazing 360 degrees back-flip that really does have to be seen to be believed and has been described as ‘jaw-dropping!’

Jack Challoner from Halifax leads the team.

A two-times world champion, three-times European champion and four-times British champion, Jack has been competing on motorbikes since he was just six years old.

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Jack is more than ably assisted by second rider Martin Crosswaite from Keighley a World of Nations champion, European champion and five-times British champion.

“We’ve not performed at Southport before,” said Jack, “but it’s always nice to be able to put on a show for northern fans and I’m sure we’ll get a real rousing Lancashire welcome.”

The jaw dropping On The Edge stunt show

A spokesperson for the fair said: “The Southport County Fair runs from June 3 to June 5. The packed programme includes hawks, owls and other raptors from S&R Birds of Prey, ferret-racing, air-rifle shooting and donkey rides on all three days.

“Meanwhile, featured on Sunday only will be the Yorkshire Alpacas and the canine-capers of the H&M Dog Display Team.

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Win tickets to see 'Save The Last Dance For Me' at the Empire

THE Champion has five pairs of tickets to give away for 'Save the Last Dance for Me' at the Liverpool Empire.

Lola Saunders, a finalist on The X Factor 2014, will make her theatrical debut in the role of Jennifer, starring alongside previously announced Antony Costa as Milton, with Wayne Robinson as Curtis and Elizabeth Carter returning to the role of Marie.

From the writers, producers, creators and director of the huge success, 'Dreamboats and Petticoats', 'Save the Last Dance for Me' will take you back through the music and magic of the early 1960 when each passing week brought another rock'n' roll classic. The production will play the Liverpool Empire from June 6 to 11 and the tickets are for the opening night.

Written by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran (of TV's "Goodnight Sweetheart' and 'Birds of a Feather' fame-) the show features the unmistakable music of Doc Pomus & Mort Shuman, authentically recreating the rock 'n' roll sound live on stage with hits including Sweets for My Sweet, Please Mr. Postman, Viva Las Vegas, Can't Get Used to Losing You, as well as the title track Save the Last Dance For Me and more. This nostalgic, feel-good journey will transport you back to a golden era in popular music.

'Save the Last Dance for Me' follows two teenage sisters through the summer of 1963 as they embark, for the first time without their parents, on a holiday to the seaside. Full of freedom and high spirits they meet a handsome young American who invites them to a dance at the local US Air Force base...but young love and holiday romance are never as simple as they seem and the sisters soon realise that while the world around them is still watching itself in black and white, life and love can be much more colourful.

Lola Saunders (Jennifer) came to the public's attention on The X Factor in 2014, becoming the UK's most famous fishmonger almost overnight!

Originally from East Boldon in South Tyneside, Lola wowed the judges with her powerful voice and soulful tone taking her as far as the judges' houses before being sent home - only to return for the live shows as Cheryl Fernandez-Versini's wildcard. Most recently Lola has been headlining concerts around the UK and writing and recording new music. 'Save the Last Dance for Me' is her theatrical debut.

Antony Costa (Milton) has previously appeared on stage in Blood Brothers (West End) and Boogie Nights (UK Tour). He is best known as one of the members of Blue, one of the biggest British boy bands of the Noughties, who enjoyed chart success with three No. 1 albums and 11 top ten singles including their debut song All Rise.

Antony Costa in 'Save the Last Dance for Me'

Blue, which also included Simon Webbe, Lee Ryan and Duncan James, disbanded in 2004 but reunited in 2011 and represented the UK in that year's Eurovision. This year they released their fifth studio album Colours before embarking on a UK tour.

To be in with a chance of winning one of the five pairs of tickets up for grabs, simply answer the following question and enter via email details below. Please remember to include your name and a daytime contact telephone number.

Question: Who does Antony Costa play in 'Save the Last Dance for Me?'

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Builder's helping hand for village Rose Queen committee

ORGANISERS of a popular village event are looking forward to a less stressful preparation for this year's big day - thanks to a helping hand from housebuilders, Barratt Homes.

Over the years the Tarleton Rose Queen committee have accumulated a vast amount of paraphernalia associated with the day - ranging from marquees and bunting to crockery and costumes.

Previously these were stored in an assortment of lofts and sheds across the village, but keeping track of it all and transporting it to the event on the day had become a problem for organisers.

So they applied to Barratt Homes' community fund, The Legacy Programme, for help to provide a permanent 'home' to store the precious Rose Queen equipment.

And the company duly obliged by donating one of its former mobile sales offices - now known as 'The Rose Queen Shed' - which it also had painted to the committee's specifications and fitted with a secure lock to keep the contents safe.

Rose Queen committee member, Janet Lynd, said: "Over the years the committee has accumulated a large amount of items that are available for loan by the schools, church and other organisations.

"We now have so much to store it was becoming a huge problem for us to keep track of where everything was, to the extent that we had lost some valuable items.

"It's a blessing to know that we won't have to be carting jugs, signs, tablecloths, paper plates, banquet rolls and all the rest of what we need by the van and car load!

"This year it will all be ready and waiting for us in The Rose Queen Shed!

"At the end of the event, as we pack up, exhausted from the long day, all our equipment will go straight back into the one safe, dry storage container – what a relief!"

Barratt Manchester sales director, Michaela Lancaster, said: "Our Legacy Programme is set up to support the communities in which we build and we take a huge pride in being able to help out a number of great causes.

"Sometimes our help is financial and other times we provide equipment or manpower – we're just delighted to be able to make a lasting contribution."

This year's Tarelton Rose Queen event will be staged on Saturday, June 25.

Last year's Rose Queen, Isobel Devine with attendants Jessica Powell, Rosie Samuels, Luke Samuels, Emma Biltcliffe and Grace Biltcliffe

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Writing challenge with a caring theme

BUDDING writers in West Lancashire are invited to enter a creative writing competition aimed at exploring what caring means to family, friends and carers in the community.

The competition, launched by Carers UK and supported by Specsavers Healthcall, is open to all and entries - poems and short stories - are welcome on all aspects of caring.

Zetunnisha Arif, director of Specsavers Healthcall in Ormskirk, said: "In the course of our visits to people who are being cared for in their homes or in care homes around the local area, we hear a wide range of inspirational stories that deserve to be heard."

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Police crackdown pledge on former 'legal highs'

Report by **Henry James**

NEW legislation aimed at tackling the increasing problem of people suffering the effects of so-called 'legal highs' came into force this week.

The Psychoactive Substances Act will provide a blanket ban on the production, supply and importation of new psychoactive substances.

And Lancashire Police have said that the new law will fundamentally change the way they tackle psychoactive substances and will make new drugs that appear on the market illegal quicker than ever before.

Last September police said they had several reports of youths in Skelmersdale becoming ill after smoking 'spice' – a laboratory-created cannabis substitute and legal high.

And following the new act Skelmersdale Police stated on their Facebook page: "We will take action where we find people committing these offences. Punishments range from a prohibition notice, which is a formal warning, to seven years in prison."

Spice - the cannabis substitute is no longer a 'legal high'

Detective chief inspector Graham Gallagher from Lancashire Police commented: "Sadly we have seen too many people in Lancashire becoming seriously ill after taking legal highs. We are committed to reducing the harm caused by all drugs and welcome an educational and preventative approach in the policing of psychoactive substances.

"Often these substances contain illegal drugs and when people buy them, they generally have little idea how potent the drug is so they do pose a real danger.

"I would encourage the public to let us know if they believe shops or establishments continue to supply psychoactive substances."

A variety of options exist for enforcing the new legislation, including prohibition notices, premises notices, prohibition orders and premises orders, which allow police or local authorities to require people to stop stocking, selling or supplying psychoactive substances.

Officers have been given powers to stop and search people, vehicles and vessels, enter and search premises in accordance with a warrant, and to seize and destroy psychoactive substances.

While the new act does not criminalise simple possession of psychoactive substances it will be an offence to possess them within custodial institutions, or anywhere with intent to supply.

It is also an offence to import them, including by buying them from a foreign website.

Operations have been taking place across the county to raise awareness of changes to the law. Shop owners and other suppliers have been given time to adapt to the new laws and stop the trading of these potentially dangerous drugs.

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Equality was the new way forward, and so, it should have been simpler, shouldn't it?

Well not really – because matrimonial solicitors still have to often address "what is half?"

The financial position of parties, and the division of assets are rarely straight forward on divorce. Houses usually have mortgages on them which need paying, and often insufficient realisable equity to rehouse both husband and wife. Children need accommodating, often nowadays for increasingly more like equal times with both parents.

The other major asset – pensions, are of course a savings pot, but one with very strict rules as to when and how the funds within it can be accessed.

Often one party has taken time off to raise children and suffered an impact on career, salary and pension provision.

Often there are other complex assets such as family businesses, or inheritances to be considered.

Therefore inevitably the matrimonial courts and solicitors end up firstly having to decide what compromises the matrimonial pot and then work how to best divide it, so that the outcome is fair, and also satisfies not only husband and wife's needs but also those of the children. And that means sometimes departing from equality and giving one person more of one asset in lieu of another.

These are tricky issues even for experienced lawyers, and therefore it is really important that early on in the process you take professional advice to ensure that your needs and entitlements are properly accounted for. I have over twenty years of advising people in these circumstances. If these issues affect you, please call me, Alexandra Kenyon, on 01695 574201.

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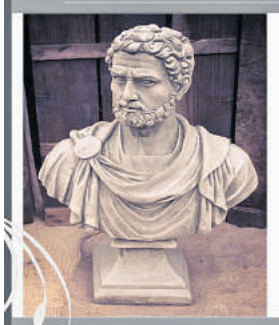
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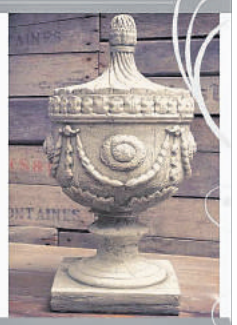
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THE ORGANISERS of Woodvale Rally are hoping this year's event will get off to a flying start with the return of a model aircraft display that proved so popular the last time it was at the show.

The Liverpool and District Model Aircraft Society (LADMAS) will have craft flying on both days of the rally which will be held at Victoria Park in Southport on June 18 and 19.

There will also be static models on display and flight simulators so visitors can fly the models on three TV screens. A large model Lancaster plane and other jets will also be taxiing twice a day and jet engines will also be running.

Andy Johnson, from LADMAS, said: "We have been involved with the rally for more than 40 years, After a two-year break we are glad to be back and hoping to put on a good display for the public with lots to see and try out throughout the two days.

"We will be flying a wide range of models including helicopters and quad 'copters (drones) and electric powered planes."

The Woodvale Rally provides a fun filled, value for money weekend for all the family.

The always popular Crazy Bears will be there again as will the West Lancashire Dog Display Team who will be performing twice a day.

Jema Leopold will also take to the main arena with her amazing performing horses.

Other attractions include giant slides, craft and food marquee, giant car boot, collectors fair, Morris dancing and numerous trade stands.

This year will also see many bands performing including Mike Byrne and the Sunrockers, Skelmersdale Prize Brass Band and in the bar marquee there will be music all weekend.

Dave Rimmer, with his Burrell Traction Engine, waits for Smiley - The Happy Train to pass by at last year's Woodvale Rally

The longest surviving Vulcan motor car, manufactured in Southport in 1904 and a 1907 Paterson, which has won the car section before, will also be on display along with other classic and vintage cars, model trains and boats, stationary engines, classic and vintage motorcycles and clubs and even more military vehicles than ever before.

The 125 Field Company, Army Reserves of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME), a Merseyside unit which specialises in vehicle maintenance, and much more, will also be running workshops.

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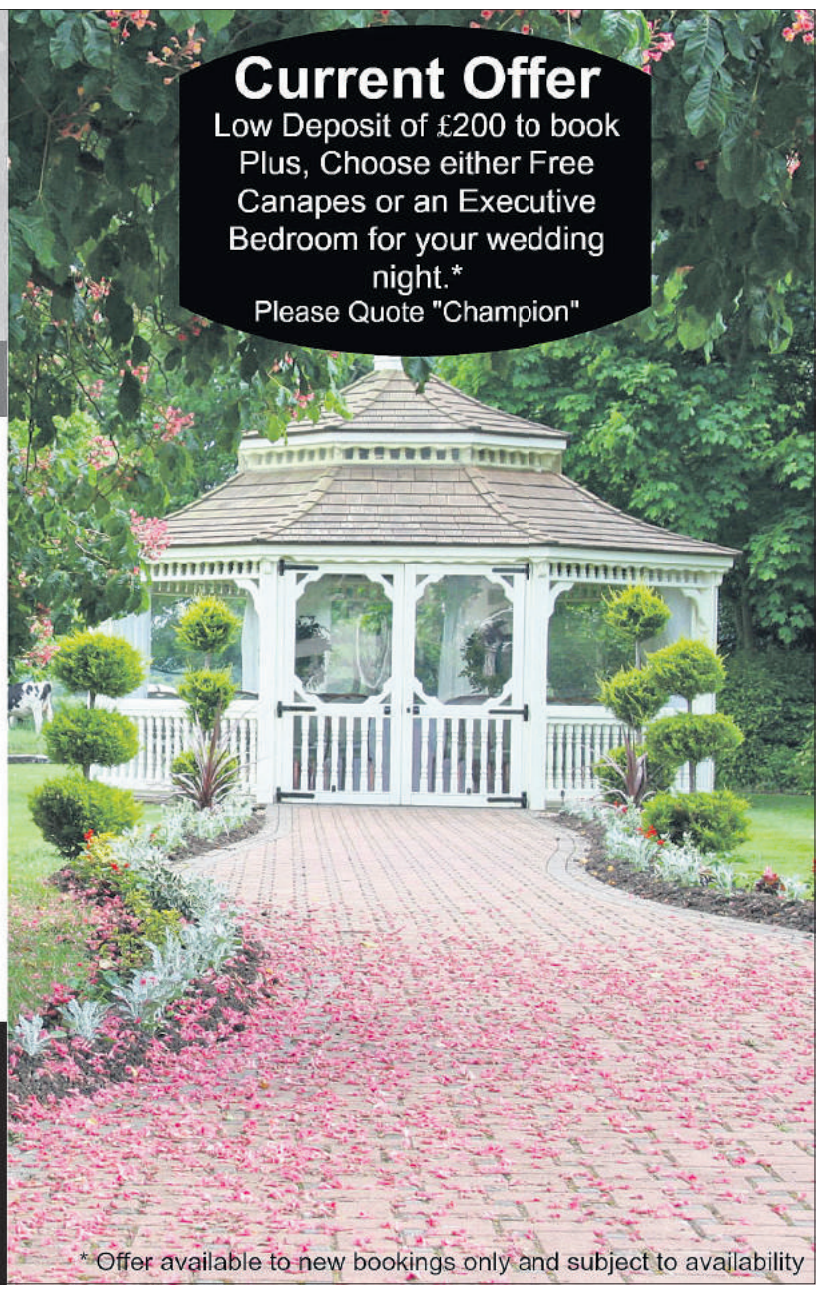
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I've just realised the importance of NOT taking the tablets!

THE other day I found myself sitting among a group of Barking Mad people.

And oddly, they were about the most sane group of quite ordinary folk you could hope to meet – particularly if you, like me, are dog minded.

They had gathered for an afternoon's chat and exchange of views at the invitation of Andrea Gupta, a former nurse who lives on the outskirts of Ormskirk and has decided to set up a 'Barking Mad' franchise covering an area including Aughton, Lydiate, Maghull, Melling, Aintree and indeed most of North Liverpool.

The basic premise of Barking Mad is for dog-loving 'hosts' to volunteer to look after dogs registered with them both while their owners are away on holiday – or more unexpectedly like me recently, consigned to hospital.

This isn't free - you pay £20 a day – but the big (and to me vitally important) difference of that you know your version of Tina or Cinders is going to spend his/her time in a loving household environment, not 'behind bars.'

Of course every 'host' is carefully vetted first and Andrea is just the other end of a phone line away 24/7 to give assurance and/or updates on pooches' progress!

On a broader front, I have just realised the importance of NOT taking the medicine from time to time.

The largest and by far most imposing (if that's the word) tablets are statins. Now statins are the first word one hears after the word heart. You have a heart condition, take statins.

Oh yes, and you will be warned about 'possible' side-effects – like drowsiness, aches in muscles and joints, loss of appetite, upset stomach, feeling really cold.

Honestly, I got to the point where I could hardly walk because of pain in my leg muscles, didn't feel at all like eating and couldn't wait for bed time to come round – if only to get beneath the duvet and shiver into warmth.

Life was getting impossible.

Fortunately, on hearing of my plight, my GP agreed to my not taking these blasted things at least until I see him again in a fortnight's time. Three days later and I'm back on the mend – eating, walking, all getting back gradually to some kind of normality.

However, I really hope my GP comes up with some pill that performs most of the miracles attributed to statins without the debilitating side-effects.

Tell you what though – since I won't have seen my GP again before I write next week's 'Dog' column, I promise not to mention a word of illness or pestilence (so that lets politics out doesn't it?) but to hopefully find something vaguely amusing to me, and to you too.

Like this laptop I'm using which doesn't only have a mind of its own (don't all things digital?) but an evil one at that, often throwing one of its hissy fits and wrecking everything. I'm not keeping fingers crossed that it'll allow me to finish this – it already hasn't, twice.

Now if I could just feed it one or two of the presently unwanted statins...

But enough of this, I say! Have you noticed that summer seems at last to be creeping up on us?

There have been one or two glorious days, but more importantly, it has largely stopped being cold even when days are average.

In fact, I will make a most unusual prediction (for me). I reckon July and August will be hot and sunny. Of course, I could be wrong – most of June could be a scorcher too.

Biking bards return to Rufford Old Hall

A BICYCLE-powered production of a Shakespeare play is coming to West lancashire next month!

The four-strong all-male group The HandleBards will perform Shakespeare's Richard III outdoors at Rufford Old Hall, Liverpool Road on Wednesday, July 6.

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High school students sign up to become Dementia Friends

PUPILS from St Bede's Catholic High School became Dementia Friends after taking part in an hour-long workshop at Abbey Wood Lodge care home in County Road, Ormskirk.

The pastor and students from the school in St Anne's Road, Ormskirk, were joined by borough councillors May Blake and Marilyn Westley, and Gaye Clark, head of the Athena Healthcare group owners of Abbey Wood Lodge.

The workshop was organised by Dementia Friends Champion Joe Sherville as part of the Alzheimer's Society programme to change perceptions of dementia.

At the workshop, he spoke about the physical, emotional and social implications of dementia and the fear of being stigmatised if you have the condition.

He also spoke about what memory loss means for those living with dementia in their day-to-day life; how their living environment needs to be adapted; and how money or appliances may be different to what they are expecting.

Joe Sherville said: "It's brilliant to see the young generation wanting to support the community by becoming more dementia-friendly."

Right: Dementia Champion Joe Sherville with students from St Bede's Catholic High School who took part in the dementia awareness event at Abbey Wood Lodge Care Home

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Di Armstrong aged 45 Lives in Aughton Slimming World Member for nearly 18 months

Since having my son ten years ago, I slowly started to gain weight; on top of that I was also diagnosed with an underactive thyroid, which also contributed to the weight gain. I'd tried to get my weight under control over the years, by eating healthier and dieting, but unfortunately it never seemed to work, as I'd always find an excuse. I just liked my wine and food way too much!

The main reason I joined Slimming World was after seeing a picture of myself on a family holiday to Australia. This was the wakeup call I needed, I realised that it was time to do something about it.

I've never been a member of any dieting clubs, so was a bit apprehensive walking through the doors that first Saturday in January 2015. However, I soon realised that I had nothing at all to worry about as everyone was so welcoming and friendly and I've made some wonderful new friends as a result. Along with our fantastic Slimming World Consultant everyone is so supportive, which has been the biggest factor in helping me to lose my weight and to finally get to target seven months later. Slimming World for me has become a way of life. I've changed the way I eat (for the better) because there are loads of amazing and tasty recipes to make. I can also fill up on so many 'free foods' such as lean meat (even bacon), eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables, rice and pasta, so there's no need to ever feel hungry, so I'm always in control. The biggest bonus is that I can still have my treats without feeling guilty. So I still enjoy my glass of wine, fruit and nuts and of course, chocolate!

I am now over 2½ stone lighter, thanks to Slimming World. I'll admit there are times when things aren't so easy. But the understanding, support and foodie ideas I get from the members in group keep me on track.

Since getting to my target, I feel so much healthier and my confidence has grown. I've loved going out and buying flattering dresses and tops, but the best thing was getting back into size 10 jeans. I've even joined the gym at work and have taken up running and cycling again.

Example of Di's daily eating habits:

Breakfast - 2 Weetabix, loads of fresh fruit and fat free fromage frais
Lunch - Jacket potato, ham or tuna salad, with fat free dressing
Dinner - Vegetable stir fry, steak fillet with oyster sauce
Snacks throughout the day – fresh fruit, small chocolate bar

Before - August 2014

After - December 2015

Skem councillor is county's vice-chair

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE County Council have appointed their new chair and vice-chair for the year ahead following the annual meeting on Thursday, May 26.

Morecambe West representative Janice Hanson steps up to become the new chair, while taking on the role of vice-chair is Skelmersdale Central councillor Terry Aldridge.

Both have been members of the county council since 2005.

Janice was born in West Lothian, Scotland and after completing her studies, trained as a nurse before going on to work in a hospital for three years.

A change of career brought Janice to Lancashire where she retrained as a dispenser in a busy chemist's shop.

Her lifelong interest in politics led her to become a Lancaster City Councillor and she continued with both roles for many years before giving up her job after being elected to Lancashire County Council and also representing her local area on Morecambe Town Council.

County Councillor Janice Hanson

County Councillor Terry Aldridge

Superb

During her year as chair, Janice is particularly keen to highlight the important role of volunteers, and the value of giving something back to the community.

County Councillor Hanson said: "I know from experience how important volunteering is. Volunteers work incredibly hard to help people and groups, for the benefit of people in Lancashire.

"I particularly want to raise awareness of the superb work that volunteers do for the various 'friends' groups we have in Lancashire.

"There are many different people volunteering to help various groups. I'm particularly keen as chair to recognise and celebrate this good work."

And she added: "Over the past year I've worked alongside Margaret Brindle, who was an excellent chair and I'd like to thank her for her work.

"I'm looking forward to representing this great county over the next 12 months. I would also like to welcome Terry as my vice-chair f and look forward to working with him."

‘Silent’ communities share their experiences of cancer with health workers

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

STAFF from two health support services have joined forces with community groups from across Lancashire to hear about patients’ experiences of cancer services.

Macmillan Cancer Support staff teamed up with Healthwatch Lancashire to deliver a series of interactive events which gave seldom-heard groups the opportunity to discuss their views on cancer. It is estimated that more than one in three people will develop the disease at some point in their lifetime.

The findings from the events, which captured the views of those in lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans and the retired communities, have been collated and can be viewed on the Healthwatch Lancashire website.

The reports highlight the findings from the second and final Healthwatch and Macmillan On Tour events, held earlier this year.

Members of the groups were asked to share their views and experiences about people’s perceptions of cancer and how they feel more people can be encouraged to have their say on cancer services.

Neil Greaves, Healthwatch Lancashire’s communications manager

Linda Hill, Macmillan involvement co-ordinator for the North West, said: “These events, run in conjunction with Healthwatch, were a great opportunity for people to share their experiences of how cancer has impacted on their lives, either as a patient, a family member or a friend, but also their thoughts on local cancer services.

Vital

“It is vital that we listen to the views of all people, especially those from sometimes hard to reach groups, such as the LGBT community, people with learning disabilities and also older people, to understand exactly how they are affected by cancer.”

Neil Greaves, Healthwatch Lancashire’s communications manager, said “This was an excellent opportunity to work alongside Macmillan Cancer Support and other local Healthwatch organisations to run interactive and engaging activities, which helped us to gather views about cancer and cancer services in Lancashire and understand what matters most to people.”

College advice evening

WEST Lancashire College are holding their next advice and guidance evening for prospective students at the Skelmersdale campus in College Way on Wednesday, June 8.

This is an opportunity to find out about the courses available and student support. Visitors can also talk to tutors and get more information on courses that lead to careers, financial guidance and free travel for eligible students.

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Birthday surprise for 'sunny' Jim

MINIBUS driver James Hayton must have thought he had taken a wrong turn when he arrived for his regular 'shift' at a local care home to be met with banners and balloons.

For staff and patients at Stocks Hall in Burscough had arranged a surprise party to mark his 70th birthday.

Jim, as he is known to his many friends, was treated to a special buffet lunch, complete with birthday cake and celebratory glass of bubbly.

June Sears-Jones from Stocks Hall said: "Residents at the home entered into the celebrations for Jim's milestone birthday, treating him to a bottle of champagne and home-made cards.

"The staff also gave him gifts, thanking him for being such a lovely person. It was a wonderful celebration, we hope Jim knows how much we all love him to bits and appreciate everything he does. His surprised face was truly a picture!"

Jim Hayton (centre) at his surprise 70th birthday party with staff and residents at Stocks Hall

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Dementia sufferers take part in special video project

DEMENTIA sufferers from across Lancashire have taken part in a project to record how living with the condition has changed their lives.

To mark Dementia Awareness Week in May, several people with dementia in Lancashire took part in a video project, Dementia Patient Voices, to record their experiences of living with the condition.

Lancashire County Council held an event to launch the video stories as part of their work to increase early diagnosis of dementia in the county.

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, the county's director of public health and wellbeing, said: "We want to encourage people to talk about dementia because detecting early can often lead to better support for people with dementia and their families. This project is important to show the challenges that are faced as well as inspiring stories to show how people are living well with dementia.

"It can be difficult to start a conversation with someone if you are concerned that they may be showing signs of dementia, but those who get help earlier have a better quality of life for longer."

Barry Newton, 66, was diagnosed with dementia two years ago. He had enjoyed a successful career with senior positions at the Ministry of Defence and other government departments. When he started noticing changes in his memory and speech, he tried to find out what was the problem.

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, the county's director of public health and wellbeing

He said: "Before my diagnosis I was enjoying a full and active life but I started noticing changes in my memory and my speech and getting anxious about it. After speaking to my wife, I took the decision myself to go to the doctor and find out what the cause was. I was worried about the consequences of carrying on regardless and not doing anything.

"Many people are reluctant to go to the doctor because they think that even if it is dementia there's nothing that can be done about it. My advice to them is that if they themselves are worried or if a family member is worried about someone they know, find out more and make the appointment as there are things that can be done to help.

"I am having treatment for my condition which has really helped me. I have been involved in my local Dementia Action Alliance to help improve the lives of people with dementia and also a project to build a lifelong home for myself and share what I learn to build better homes for those living with dementia. This has made me feel more in control and that I'm not just sitting there, I can make a difference.

"Despite, my diagnosis I still have an active life and I plan to continue with my consultancy work once I feel able to start again. I have made more decisions on a personal level, including about the most important partnership in my life with my wife Linda. We have had to change the way we make decisions and adjust roles and responsibilities, but at the moment I am managing my condition and my family are now really supportive."

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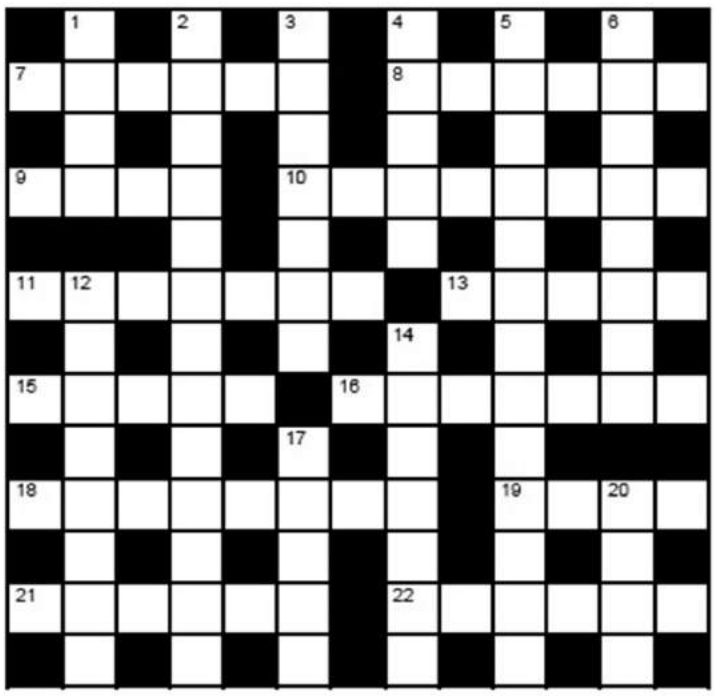

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Across: 7 Aurora. 8 Chummy. 9 Then. 10 True blue. 11 Italics. 13 Elder. 15 Polyp. 17 Wayward. 20 Stiletto. 21 Mend. 22 Siesta. 23 In-laws.

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ACROSS

7 Largest island in the Mediterranean (6)
8 There's one of these at the North Pole and the South Pole (3,3)
9 Gaelic word for lake (4)
10 Not fit or suitable to eat (8)
11 Lengthwise (7)
13 Not tall (5)
15 Packing case (5)
16 Break up (7)
18 Informal term for a place lacking order and control (8)
19 Smallest particle of a chemical element (4)
21 Every time (6)
22 Rough drawing, absent-minded scribble (6)

DOWN

1 Ballpoint pen named after its Hungarian inventor (4)
2 Security guard (5,8)
3 Acronym for what you see is what you get (7)
4 Ocean-going passenger ship (5)
5 Pedestrian crossing marker comprising an amber-coloured globe on a black and white striped pole (7,6)
6 Large metal pot with a lid and handle, used for cooking over an open fire (8)
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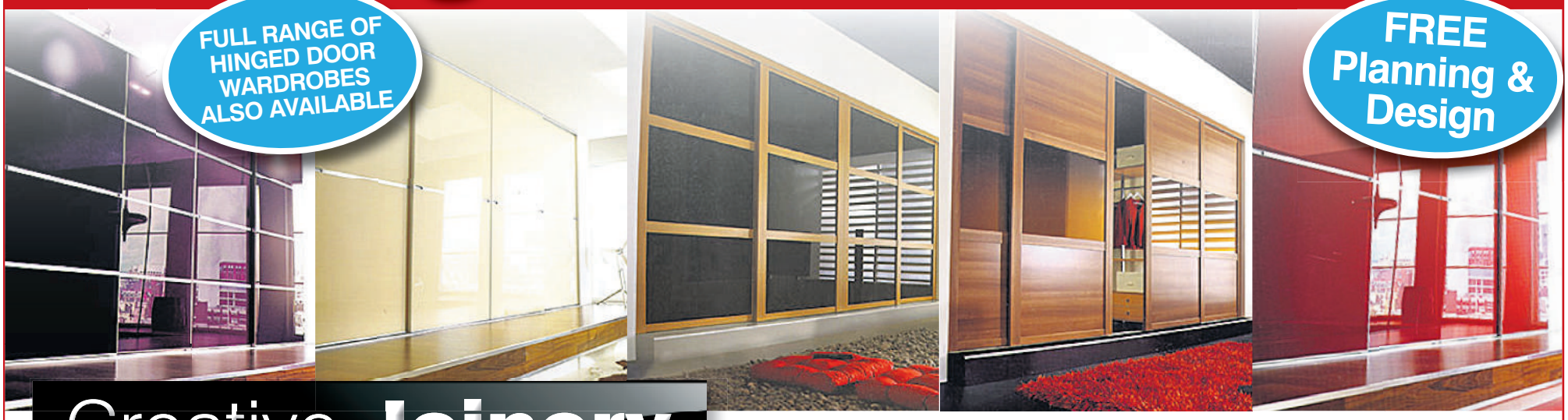

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Former NHS stalwarts have turned their love of dogs into new careers

Report by **Henry James**

Andrea and Praveen Gupta have turned their love of dogs into new careers

AN Ormskirk couple seeking a new challenge after working for the NHS for more than 30 years are now the proud operators of the local franchise of a national dog sitting company,

Former practice nurse Andrea Gupta and her GP husband, Praveen now run the Barking Mad franchise covering Wigan, St Helens, North Warrington and North Liverpool, which includes Skelmersdale.

The Guptas first came across the company three years ago while searching for the perfect place to leave their boxer puppy, Azi, while they went on holiday.

Since then Azi has had many happy 'holidays' always staying with a matched host family - while Andrea and Praveen were so impressed with Barking Mad that they "jumped at the opportunity to become involved in our local area."

Andrea, who looks after the day-to-day management, said: "I love being able to combine my love of dogs with running a new business. As a nurse I've always loved meeting people and being able to solve customers' pet care worries provides a huge amount of job satisfaction."

Companionship

Key to the Barking Mad operation is their use of hosts who love dogs and have experience of owning them. Dogs are matched to a family whose environment is similar to their own.

Andrea explained: "Our hosts choose to look after other people's dogs for a variety of reasons. Some don't want the full-time commitment of owning a dog but very often it's because they miss the companionship of a dog and they benefit from the exercise.

"We carefully match host and dog together with very successful results. They also enjoy being part of our host community where they can meet like-minded people and participate in a variety of activities.

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The cast of The Rat Pack Vegas spectacular

Rat Pack show is swinging into resort

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This stage show brings memories of three performers - Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr - in a production that has enjoyed theatrical success all over the world.

Now in its 15th year, the show goes from strength to strength, receiving critical acclaim for the live musical and vocal performances.

The Rat Pack Orchestra are not only great musicians, they are a charismatic show band who join in the fun, along with The Fabulous Vegas Showgirls who also add a touch of glamour to proceedings.

Every song is an absolute classic - Come Fly With Me, Under My Skin, Mr Bojangles, Lady Is A Tramp, That's Amore, Mack The Knife plus more of your favourites.

With an abundance of class and style, The Rat Pack takes people on a trip back in time to vintage Las Vegas.

The BBC summed up this show in just one word - Magnificent!

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One of world's premier young pianists returning to perform at Parbold

Anna Fedorova

DOUGLAS Music presents a two-evening Midsummer Music Festival on Saturday and Sunday, June 18 and 19 in the Auditorium at Parbold Village Hall starting at 7.45 pm.

Following her exhilarating performance in 2015, Douglas Music is delighted to welcome back 26-year-old, Anna Fedorova, one of the world's premier young pianists on Saturday, June 18. She arrives in Parbold from a tour of Japan playing Rachmaninov and immediately travels on to Germany, Switzerland and Canada. The YouTube recording of her Rachmaninov Concert No. 2 at the Amsterdam Concertgebouw has attracted nearly six million hits.

She has performed in some of the most prestigious concert halls of Europe, North and South America, and Asia, including the Concertgebouw where she has performed over 20 times.

Anna's international concert career took off while she was only a child, and audiences around the world are stunned by the depth and power of her musical expression.

Critics have praised Anna's signature "sweet modesty and wild expression," which rendered listeners "completely taken by surprise, compelled and astonished."

Anna has claimed top prizes at numerous international piano competitions, including the International Rubinstein piano competition, the Moscow International Frederick Chopin Competition.

Chopin is her favourite composer and the second half of her Parbold concert features all Chopin, with Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata in the first half.

On Sunday, June 19 at 7.45 p.m., the popular virtuoso violinist, Julian Gregory performs with a trio of fellow musicians from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Matthew Compton, keyboard, accordion, Paul Turner, drums,and Peter Willmott, bass.

They will put the audience into holiday mood by taking them on a whirlwind tour of The World through Music exploring different countries and styles, through a mix of classical music, gypsy tunes, Latin American and folk.

Julian's ensemble have been associated with Douglas Music for over a decade in the Saturday concerts.

Members from the BBC Philharmonic make a welcome return to surprise and delight the audience in their usual informal and engaging manner.

Julian Gregory has featured as a jazz artist on Radio 2, and is usually selected to attempt dangerous fiddle stunts, such as electric violin, jazzy solos and folk pastiches when the BBC Philharmonic repertoire demands it.

Matthew Compton is an extremely versatile musician. His version of Glenn Miller's In the Mood for full symphony orchestra has been performed twice at the BBC Proms.

Peter Willmott a member of the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra since 1972 is also a successful composer of advertising jingles.

Paul Turner began playing in his local brass band, Hesketh Bank Silver, and the Halle Orchestra. Paul is a regular guest with many of the UK's finest ensembles.

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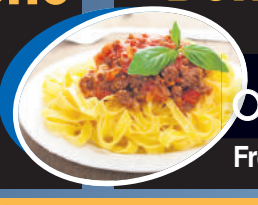

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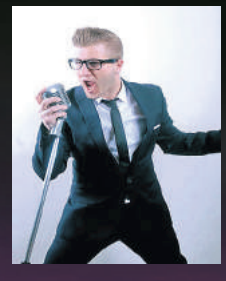

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(Raffy)

Beryl, Alison & Angela wish to thank friends, family & neighbours for their kind support since Raffy's diagnosis & our recent devastating loss. We were overwhelmed by the number of condolence cards, generous donations to St Joseph's Jospice, floral gifts & especially by the number of people who attended Raffy's funeral. Many thanks to St Joseph's Jospice, Queens Court Hospice, District Nurses, Home Carers & Burscough Health Centre for all they did for Raffy & the family. Thanks also to Hunters Funeral Directors, Ormskirk.

HOLT ROGER STEVEN

Carol and family would like to express sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for the support given, caring letters and cards of condolence, and very generous donations received for Zane. Special thanks to Rev. Sue Calverley for her wonderful support and gracious leading of a lovely service and to Rev. John Burgess for sensitively leading the final committal at the Crematorium. Finally thank you to Carl Howard and everyone at Howard's Funeral Directors for being amazing and dignified in all the funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

GRIFFITHS GRIFFITH RICHARD

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DEATHS

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19th May 2016
aged 73 years

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ASHCROFT JAMES (JIMMY)
24th May 2016.
Aged 87 years.

Loving Husband of Mildred. Loving Father of Gillian and Lynn and Father-in-law of Gary and Andrew. Devoted Grandad of Ellen, Beth and James. Funeral service will take place at Burscough Methodist Church on Thursday 2nd June 2016 at 10.00am, followed by committal at St John the Baptist Churchyard at 10.45am. Family flowers only please, but donations are being gratefully received by the family for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU. Tel 01704 897770.

DEATHS

WADE JOHN STANLEY
20th May 2016
Peacefully in hospital aged 75 years of Skelmersdale

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MARTIN DOREEN
On 24th May 2016
Peacefully aged 82 years

Loving Wife of the late Charlie, devoted Mum of Shirley and the late Alan and Pauline, dear Mother-in-law of Alan and cherished Nan and Great Nan of all her grandchildren, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Friday 3rd June at 10.00am. Family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for Beacon View Care Home. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel 01695 559868.

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LICENSING ACT 2003
Notice of Application for a new Premises Licence

Warbreck Garden Centre of Lyelake Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk have applied to West Lancashire Borough Council for a new premises licence. The following has been applied for: Hours of operation 09:00 - 01:30 and to include the following licensable activities: On / Off licence supply of alcohol, occasional late night refreshment and live / recorded music.
The application may be inspected at West Lancashire Borough Council, Licensing Section, Robert Hodge Centre, Stanley Way, Skelmersdale, WN8 8EE, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive. Brief details can be also obtained from the Councils website http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/business/licensing.aspx
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(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Meadow Lane, between Prescotts Canal Bridge and Ellerbrook Bridge.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Thursday 16th June until 1630 hours on Friday 1st July 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A59 Moss Lane, Burscough - A59 Liverpool Road North, Burscough - School Lane, Burscough - Carr Lane, Lathom - Meadow Lane, Lathom and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway embankment works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2365/WH]

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(HALL LANE, SIMONSWOOD, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Hall lane, Simonswood from its junction with Hursts Lane to its junction with Sefton District Boundary.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 20th June 2016 until Wednesday 8th July 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Hall Lane – Shevington Lane – A506 Bank Lane – B5197 Prescott Road – A506 Cunscough Lane – Simonswood Lane and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Surface dressing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2704/WH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5250 MOSSY LEA ROAD, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (B5250 MOSSY LEA ROAD, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016, is hereby temporarily amended in that:

i. To amend Article 2 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 11th July 2016 until Friday 5th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on 22nd April 2016 and may be cited as "**The Lancashire County Council** (B5250 MOSSY LEA ROAD, WRIGHTINGTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/2549/1/WH]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(POOL HEY LANE, SCARISBRICK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, Cycle or Pedestrian to proceed over that length of Pool Hey Lane, from 20 metres either side of the level crossing.

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 2300 hours and 0800 hours from Saturday 18th June 2016 until Sunday 19th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A570 Southport Road - Snape Green - Wyke Cop Road - Pool Hey Lane and Vice Versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Level Crossing Works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2326/WH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5197 PRESCOT ROAD, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (B5197 PRESCOT ROAD, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016, is hereby temporarily amended in that:

i. To amend Article 2 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1700 hours from Monday 18th July 2016 until Friday 5th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on 22nd April 2016 and may be cited as "**The Lancashire County Council** (B5197 PRESCOT ROAD, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2485/1/WH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(B5240 LYELAKE LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers, **HEREBY** makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (B5240 LYELAKE LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016, is hereby temporarily amended in that:

i. To amend Article 2 as follows:
The prohibition will be operative daily between 0700 hours and 1800 hours from Monday 18th July 2016 until Friday 5th August 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on 22nd April 2016 and may be cited as "**The Lancashire County Council** (B5240 LYELAKE LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016 (TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2016

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/2481/1/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(A570 DERBY STREET, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY WEIGHT RESTRICTION) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Sections 14(1) (a), 15(2)of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily restrict traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or trailer, the maximum gross vehicle weight of which exceeds 18 tonnes to proceed over that length of Derby Street, Ormskirk carried by the Derby Street Railway Bridge.

2. Lancashire County Council are satisfied that the works will exceed 18 months and the prohibition will be operative from 0001 hours on Friday 27th May 2016 until 2359 hours on Friday 28th May 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the prohibition is via: A59 County Road – A59 Holborn Hill – A59 Liverpool Road - A59 Northway - A59 Dunnings Bridge Road – M58 – M58 jct 3 – A570 Rainford Road – A570 Ormskirk Road – A570 St Helens Road and vice versa.

4. Article 1 of this Order shall not apply to a vehicle exceeding 18 tonnes if it is delivering to Newlands Timber & Plywood, St Annes House, Hants Lane, Ormskirk.

The temporary prohibition is necessary due to prevent further weakening of the Derby Street Railway Bridge.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT16/08/3240/arh

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BUTCHERS LANE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, to proceed over that length of Butchers lane, Aughton from 20 meters either side of the Railway Bridge

2. The prohibition will be operative daily between 2100 hours and 0600 hours from Monday 6th June 2016 until Friday 10th June 2016 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: A59 Northway, Kenyons Lane, Park Lane, Maghull Lane, A506 Prescot Road, B5197 Prescot Road and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow Bridge repair works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT/3056/WH]

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
DALTON FOOTPATH 21 (PART), WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2016

The above Order, made on 18th May 2016, under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert part of the public footpath Dalton Footpath 21, West Lancashire Borough running from a point south of Bangham's Farm at grid reference SD 5096 0824 (point A on the Order Map) through a farmyard to a point west of Bangham's Farm at grid reference SD 5083 0829 (point D) to a new line running between the same points on farmland to the south, as shown on the Order Map.

A copy of the Order and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council and at my offices from 9am to 5pm on weekdays. Copies of the Order and Map may be bought there at the price of £1.00.

Any representations about, or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services, Lancashire County Council, PO Box 78, County Hall, Preston, PR1 8XJ (REF: LSG4/PROW/888.127/MB) not later than the 29th June 2016. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Lancashire County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Dated this 1st day of June 2016

IAN YOUNG, Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ

This does not form part of the above Notice

Please note that information supplied will be used in accordance with the processes under Statute and will not be confidential and may be disclosed to third parties.

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2016/0296/FUL Alterations and extension to Grade II Listed dwelling at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.

Application No: 2016/0297/LBC Listed Building Consent - Alterations and extension to Grade II Listed dwelling at Manor Cottage, Miry Lane, Parbold.

Application No: 2016/0470/FUL `Erection of 4 dwellings to east of car park on site. Change of use of southern part of public house (18 and 20 Roby Mill) to two dwellings (reverting to original residential use),including the demolition of an existing substandard single storey rear extension and erection of new single storey rear extension and replace slates on main roof at Fifteens At The Fox, Roby Mill, Up Holland.

Application No: 2016/0471/LBC Listed Building Consent - Erection of 4 dwellings to east of car park on site. Change of use of southern part of public house (18 and 20 Roby Mill) to two dwellings (reverting to original residential use), including the demolition of an existing substandard single storey rear extension and erection of new single storey rear extension and replace slates on main roof at Fifteens At The Fox, Roby Mill, Up Holland.

Application No: 2016/0488/FUL Single storey extension to kitchen and dining room at 91 Brandreth Drive, Parbold.

Application No: 2016/0506/FUL Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2015/1168/FUL to amend the approved drawing list to be updated in accordance with the details provided in the supporting letter received on 5th May 2016 at 11 Granville Park, Aughton.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 1st June 2016
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT900

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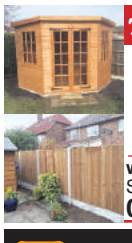

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New Mustang creates a big buzz but it's the old faithful that roars loudest

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THE NEW Mustang is one of the real feelgood motors of the moment.

There's an almighty buzz about the GT supercar and the turbo nutter vibe of the Focus RS but I honestly reckon the American import is a better measure of everything Ford's doing right at the moment. I've yet to drive one but it has that all-important thing far too many of today's offerings miss; a want-one factor.

For starters it looks superb. They're just starting to trickle into the real world, and it looks just as good in the supermarket car park as it does in the brochures. The closely-stacked triple rear lights, the slippery profile and those pinched headlights have clearly been designed by someone who had posters of fast cars – rather than Farrah Fawcett – on his bedroom wall as a kid.

It's also the first Mustang that's been designed with us in mind. It's available in right-hand-drive and while more than two thirds of the buyers have ordered theirs with the full fat, 5.0-litre V8, you can also order it with a 2.3-litre Ecoboost engine that's a bit more in keeping with Cameron's Britain. In a nation that wears a pair of Levis and sups its coffee in branches of Starbucks, you can't help wondering why the Mustang didn't apply for its visa earlier.

So the Mustang is clearly creating a bit of a buzz as a new car – but that's nothing compared to the seismic impact of the old one.

The other day I was lent the keys to a real American icon - a '66 Mustang Convertible in Rangoon Red. Like the new car it has a 5.0-litre V8, but the baritone rumble the original makes has to be experienced to be believed. Until The Champion lands through your letterbox with a free CD of V8 engine noises you'll just have to imagine it!

It also looked – even when you compare it to the current car – utterly sensational, and whenever I parked it up it always drew a crowd of curious onlookers.

Reality check. A 50-year old car isn't going to have a DAB radio, traction control or airbags and you'll struggle to top 20 miles to the gallon. It's also left-hand-drive and it'll be comprehensively outcornered and out-braked by the class of 2016.

But if you're only going to use it occasionally, go for the old one. I would say that it's hard to put a price on the wonderful noise it makes and the smiles it puts on people's faces as you drive past – but you can, because at £23,000 for the one I drove it's eight grand cheaper than the new one. Oh, and it's tax exempt.

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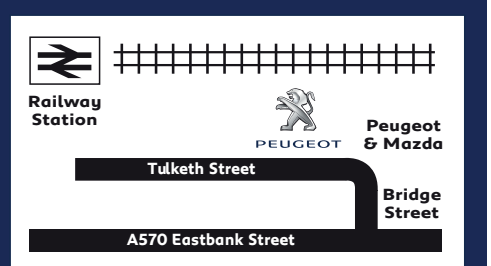

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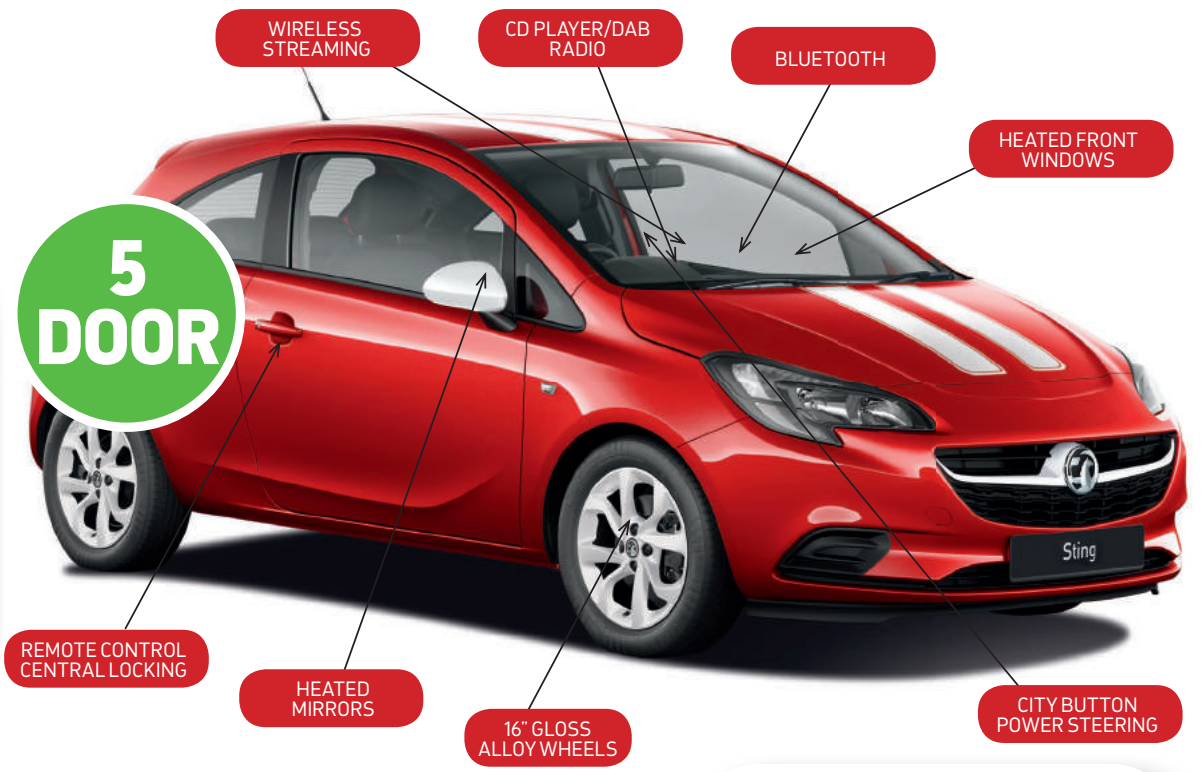

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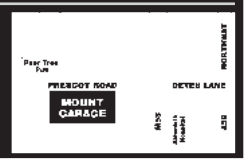

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Lawson delight as keeper commits future to Skem

SKELMERSDALE Player of the Year, goalkeeper Martin Fearon has committed his long-term future to the club.

It comes after other clubs expressed an interest in signing the fan's favourite.

The 27-year-old Blackburn-born goalkeeper has impressed over the last two years with some outstanding performances, his excellence giving Lawson a firm foundation on which to build his team for the coming season.

Martin Fearon in action

At the club's annual presentation evening three weeks ago, Fearon's popularity was clear when he picked two of the clubs three prestigious Player of the Year awards.

Lawson said: "Brian (assistant manager Brian Richardson) and me are absolutely delighted. Having a good goalkeeper is crucial if you are to be among the challengers in any league and Martin is right up there with the best, his attitude is brilliant and his early commitment to the cause says much about the ambitions of the club and will make it easier for us to persuade other players to join us."

Ormskirk beaten after dramatic batting collapse

Northern join them at top of table after eight wickets fall for 25 runs

NORTHERN moved to top of the Premier Division table level on points with Ormskirk after beating them by 43 runs at Moor Park on Saturday, *writes Glenn Wallworth.*

The hosts were indebted to half centuries from Stephen Lucas (54) and Liam Grey (50) as they were dismissed for 162, with Jack Snowdon taking 3-31.

In reply Ormskirk got off to a fine start, thanks to Josh Bohannon (47) and John Armstrong (32) and at 94-2 looked to be cruising home until a dramatic collapse saw them lose their last eight wickets for 25 runs, as Tom Sephton 6-38 and Ryan Maddock 4-39 dismissed the visitors out for 119.

After the match news broke out that Ormskirk's John Armstrong had decided to retire from the game after 22 years at the club, I'd like to wish him well in his retirement and wish to add that speaking to him on a regular basis and watching him play with 100% commitment over the past 15 years has been a real pleasure.

Formby moved up to mid table after a 91 run win at Rainford, Stephen Parry (48), Tym Crawford (41) and Tim le Breton (32) led the visitors to 218, with Andy Davies taking 4-37 and John Dotters 3-58. In reply, 6-52 from Parry helped bowl out the hosts for 127 and secure victory for Ian Cockbain's side.

Bootle were defeated at Lytham.

Michael Gill hit nine boundaries in a typically obdurate innings of 55 but Bootle were forced to bat on after the tea interval before declaring on 190-9 after 59 overs.

The hosts' reply began shakily when they lost their first three wickets for 32 but Gary Knight batted stubbornly to hold the innings together.

Three wickets in a sensational over from the tireless Scott Butterworth (4-60) reduced Lytham to 82-6 to give the visitors a clear sight of victory but a 7th wicket stand of 65 between Knight and Joe Davies, who hit an attacking 39 from 32 balls, changed the perspective yet again.

Knight was 63 not out when Lytham won by 2 wickets in the 47th over with seven balls to spare.

This weekend's local LDCC fixtures: Formby v Ormskirk, Rainhill v Northern, Ainsdale v Southport & Birkdale

Burscough stay on form to skittle out S&B for 79

Skelmersdale continue to lead Second Division after eight wicket win over Sutton

BURSCOUGH remain top of the First Division table after a six wicket home win over Southport & Birkdale, once again S&B's batsmen let them down as they were dismantled for just 79 with Chris Brownlow (38) and Tom Butler (12) the only players to reach double figures, with Navdeep Aujla 4-30 and Jon Stone 4-40 taking the bowling honours. In reply, the hosts found batting tough early on until an unbeaten 28 from Aujla led them to victory on 81-4.

Fleetwood Hesketh lost by three wickets to Ainsdale at Sea Cop, the hosts were bowled out for 155 with Issy Perera top scoring with 56, whilst the pick of the bowlers were Tom Jones 4-29 and the Peter Pan of cricket Mal Swift, who took 3-48 plus a superb slip catch to dismiss the dangerous Perera. In reply, skipper Andy Barlow (43) led from the front, with back up coming from Tom Jones (29), Mark Foster (20) and an unbeaten 18 from Tom Wainwright as they helped guide Ainsdale to victory on 157-7, with Perera taking 3-56.

Maghull lost by 71 runs at Orrell Red Triangle, Petrus Jefha (58) top scored for the hosts as they were bowled out for 237, with Declan Devine taking 3-36. In reply, Jon Ring hit 51 but the majority of the rest failed to make use of decent starts as Maghull were dismissed for 166, with Dom Lawson 3-28 and Siddiq Patel 3-69 taking the bowling honours.

Skelmersdale are top of the Second Division after beating Sutton by eight wickets.

Daniekl Edwards and Matthew Fenney shared seven wickets as Sutton were dismissed for 111.

Martyn Brierley then hit an unbeaten 54 to see Skelmersdale home.

Southport Trinity had a 34 run home win over Hightown St Mary's, after choosing to bat skipper Bobby Eyes (75), Mark Warren (42), Liam Simms (37*) and Shaun O'Neill (35*) led Trinity to 238-6 dec, with Leo McCarthy 3-32 and Jim Kelly 3-73 taking all the wickets.

In reply, Tatenda Taibu top scored with 97 and Kris Jones hit an unbeaten 67 as the visitors were bowled out for 204, with O'Neill capping off a fine day with 5-28.

This weekend's local First and Second Division LDCC fixtures Fleetwood Hesketh v Orrell Red Triangle, Northop Hall v Maghull, Sefton Park v Burscough, Hightown St Mary's v Caldy and Southport Trinity v Wavertree

Linnets to play Marine in pre-season friendly

AFTER a successful season for Burscough which saw them finish in a play-off position, the club is already preparing for the next campaign with the announcement of pre-season friendlies.

The highlight of the pre-season matches is a home tie against local rivals Marine which is the one of four games to be held in July and August.

The following games have been arranged. Kick off times for the mid-week fixtures are yet to be announced:

Tuesday, July 19 at home to Cefyn Druids; Friday, July 22 at home to Witton Albion; Tuesday, July 26 away at Winsford United; Saturday, August 6 at home to Marine (3pm kick-off)

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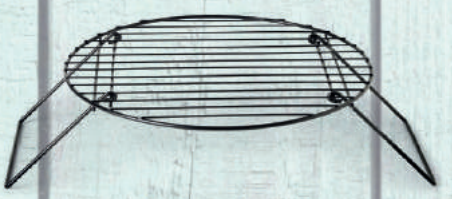

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